Identification of Beggar Mafias in Delhi

†3985. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK :

PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that after land-mafias and jhuggi-mafias now beggar-mafias are active in Delhi who raise an army of beggars by providing training to children;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take action against these mafia groups after identifying them;

(c) if so, the details of the action proposed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO):— (a) Delhi Police recently made a study on the street children and beggars in Delhi and no instance of such "beggar mafia" was noticed.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Fast Drug Money as a Security Threat

3986. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether "fast drug money" is posing an emerging security threat which faces the nation today; and

(b) if so, how the problem is proposed to be raised in the international narcotics control board on a suitable world forum to check cross-border terrorism in operation in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Seizures of major drugs in the last three years indicate that a significant proportion of narcotic drugs is being trafficked into India from the Indo-Pakistan border. There have also been joint

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seizures of narcotic drugs and arms/explosives. It is also reported that Pakistan agencies utilise drug money for financing trans-border terrorism in the State of Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of the country. The Government of India have conveyed to the Government of Pakistan regarding its complicity in sponsoring narco-terrorism in India, in November, 1998. Govenments of various friendly countries have also been apprised in this regard. The Narcotics Control Bureau of India in the Ministry of Finance which is the nodal agency for combating drug trafficking, maintains regular coordination with international agencies such as International Narcotics Control Board and United Nations Drug Control Programme. There is also a bilateral agreement with Pakistan for direct operational communication between the Narcotics Control Bureau of India and its Pakistan counterpart for combating drug trafficking.

All the enforcement agencies have been asked to maintain utmost vigilance along the border with Pakistan and step up enforcement efforts under the stringent provisions contained in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. The International Border with Pakistan in the States of Punjab and Rajasthan has already been fenced and fencing along the Rann border in Gujarat is underway. A decision has also been taken to adopt a multi-nodal approach for erecting an obstacle system on the International Border in Jammu sector with a view to check infiltration and smuggling of weapons/drugs, explosives, etc.

Bills Reserved for President's Assent

†3987. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bills sent by Governments of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab passed by them in 1999 to the President for his assent;

(b) the months in which the said bills were passed by Governments of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab and when these bills were sent to the Central Government; and

(c) the bills to which President has accorded his assent and the bills still pending with the reasons for their pendency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) In 1999, five Bills, as passed by the State Legislatures of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab, were received for assent for the President.

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